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SUBJ: UNESCO--SUCCESSOR TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOBES

1. ANDRE VARCHAVER, DIRECTOR OF THE UNESCO LIAISON OFFICE AT THE UN, APPROACHED MINCON KITCHEN APRIL 12. HE SAID HIS NAME HAD BEEN PROMINENTLY MENTIONED TO REPLACE PETER THATCHER AS THE UNEP LIAISON OFFICER IN GENEVA. VACHAVER, A U.S. NATIONAL, SAID THAT TOLBA HAS PRIVATELY INDICATED THAT HE IS GOING ALL OUT TO APPOINT A SCANDINAVIAN AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THATCHER. THIS PUZZLES A NUMBER OF PERSONS, INCLUDING MINCON KITCHEN, IN VIEW OF THE FIERCE OPPOSITION TO TOLBA MOUNTED BY THE SCANDINAVIANS, INCLUDING PRESSING THEIR OWN CANDIDATE DOWN TO THE VERY END OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.

2. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO MAINTAIN THIS POST FOR A U.S. NATIONAL AND THAT TOLBA BE REMINDED OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. STOOD WITH HIM WHEN HE HAD VIRTUALLY NO CONSTITUENCY IN THE WEO GROUP.

3. VACHAVER HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A SIX WEEKS TDY AT
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UNESCO HEADQUARTERS. HE INDICATED THAT DDG FOBES (U.S.) PLANS TO RETIRE IN THE SPRING OF 1978. IN HIS VIEW FOBES IS ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED AMERICANS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT. HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO SEVERE CONSTRAINTS DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF DG M/BOW AND HAD HOPED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER POST PRIOR TO RETIRING. IT NOW APPEARS THAT FOBES NOT ONLY WILL

MOVE NO WHERE WITHIN THE SYSTEM BUT THAT CONSIDERABLE
SPECULATION IN PARIS TURNS ON WHETHER AN AMERICAN CAN
BE APPOINTED AS SUCCESSOR TO FOBES. VACHAVER FEELS
STRONGLY THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE A PERSONALITY,
EITHER FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OR SECRETARIAT SIDE,
WELL KNOWN AND HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE "POWERS" IN THE
UN SYSTEM. HE STRONGLY URGES THAT WE BEGIN NOW (A)
ATTEMPTING TO REINFORCE OUR ENTITLEMENT TO THE DDG SLOT
IN UNESCO AND, AS A FALL BACK (B) CONSIDER HAVING A
STRONG CANDIDATE ADG SLOT IF WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL
IN RETAINING THE FOBES POST. VACHAVER
VOLUNTEERED THAT WE AMERICANS SEEM TO BE LOSING GROUND
IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE
THAT WE WOULD PRESS VIGOROUSLY IN THE PRESENT ADMINISTRA-
TION FOR THE RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF U.S. NATIONALS
IN KEY POSITIONS OF SIGNIFICANT AUTHORITY WITHIN THE
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